



Stronger Together

2016 May 11

Staff Rep Weekly

Please share this important information with all VESTA members

Dates to Remember

Meetings at VESTA office 4pm unless otherwise indicated

May 11

Aboriginal Awareness Resource Fair

May 12

TTOC Committee

May 12

Urban Learner Cohort Info Session

May 16

Health & Safety Committee

May 17

VESTA AGM
Tupper Cafeteria, 4pm

The VSB Budget for 2016/17

By now you will have seen the staffing allotment for your school for the 2016/17 school year. This staffing reflects the budgets cuts proposed and not adopted by the trustees. In the absence of direction from the Board of Trustees, the Superintendent has a duty to meet the obligations of the school act and the collective agreement provisions. The post and fill process will go ahead as per the timeline outlined in the *Post and Fill Handbook*.



Now is a crucial time for teachers to join with our stakeholder groups to stand up for public education and demand the funds necessary to reverse these cuts to our district. Each member should have received an email on Monday explaining what happened in regards to the budget this year. We also attached a flyer advertising a rally at the VSB today. We are asking staff reps to post the flyer for the rally in your school. You can share the flyer with parents on the sidewalk around your school after school today. Contact your PAC chair and let them know about this rally.

VTF members along with other stakeholder groups will be gathering on the lawn of the VSB today at 4pm to stand together against this budget and call on the Minister of Education to provide the necessary funding to reverse the cuts. This budget is unacceptable for our schools, students and families. Please join in this event to show your concern.

Last night our VESTA executive passed a motion to hold a rally every Wednesday at 4pm from now until the end of the school year. It is important that we rise up as a united group to show our opposition to continued cuts due to underfunding from the government. We are also showing our support for our Board of Trustees as they continue to advocate for this additional funding.

When we stand together with our colleagues, parents, and community we can affect change. Let's all get together to demand change and get these cuts reversed!

12th Tri-National Conference in Defense of Public Education – Public Events, May 13–15

Interested members and the public are invited to attend two events:
More dangers for public education – The Trans-Pacific Partnership and other trade agreements: This evening will be about the impact of the TPP trade agreement on public education. It will be held Thursday, May 12, 7–9 pm at the BCTF building, 550 W. 6th Ave.

Challenges to Public Education – Mexico, United States and Canada: The speakers will frame the state of public education given the international trends of austerity, privatization, and attacks on the labour rights of educators. The event will be held in the Great Hall South at the Nest (the student union building) on the UBC campus, Friday, May 13, 7–9 pm.



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